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Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino
U.S. District Judge
U.S. District Court - Northern District of New York
James T. Foley U.S. Courthouse
445 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

Re: Roberts, et al. v. State of New York, et al.
Case No.: 1:12-cv-0046 (MAD/DRH)

Dear Judge D'Agostino:

On March 1, 2012, the State defendants filed a motion to dismiss in the above-referenced action pending before your Honor, returnable before the Court on April 3, 2012. Pursuant to L.R. 7.1(b) (1), plaintiffs' opposition papers are due on March 19, 2012. On behalf of the plaintiffs in the above-referenced action, I write to respectfully request an extension of time, from March 19, 2012 to April 18, 2012, to file plaintiffs' opposition papers with the Court and serve them upon the other parties, and making the motion returnable before the Court on May 15, 2012.

The requested extension in this proceeding is very necessary based upon the demands of my practice and in order to allow me sufficient time to fully address the issues raised in defendants' dispositive motion. Counsel for the State defendants, Assistant Attorney General Charles Quackenbush, has graciously consented to this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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cc: Counsel of Record (via ECF)